

REMARKS

Claims 16, 19-40, 44 to 47 are pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

In regard to the rejection of claims 22 and 23 under 35 USC 112, applicant has adopted examiner's suggestion and has included the claim language "and composites thereof".

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims 22 and 23 under 35 USC 112 are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 16, 19-21, 24-20, 44 and 45 are allowed.

Examiner has apparently overlooked the existence of claim 46 and 47 (added 4/6/09; acknowledged with office action dated 7/13/09); since these claims depend from allowed claim 20, they should be allowable also.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited. Should Examiner have any further objections, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

Respectfully submitted on Februar 15, 2010,

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